

## LAY MINISTRY FOR APRIL 2024

### Eucharist Ministers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Winnie McElhatton  
Sunday 9.30 am Kathleen Lennon  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Anne Mallon/Anne Hagan

### Collectors

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Jason Lagan/Tony McKernan  
Sunday 9.30 am. Paul McGarrity/Thomas Loughran  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Brigid Heagney/Gary Kane

### Readers

St Mary's Church: Saturday Vigil 6.30 pm. Gerard Quinn  
Sunday 9.30 am. Noelle McAshea  
St Joseph's Church: Sunday 11.30 am Geraldine Kelly

### Altar Societies

St Mary's Church: Anne Loughran/Mary Mulgrew/Patricia Mulgrew  
St Joseph's Church: Dympna Lagan/Rosemary McAleer

**Anyone who cannot fulfil their ministry should contact Fr Hughes.**

## PARISH WEBSITE

Our Parish website can be accessed at [www.kildressparish.co.uk](http://www.kildressparish.co.uk)

Visit the Latest News section of our Parish Website for details of forthcoming Diocesan events/courses which may be of interest to you.

**The website has a facility to have the bulletin forwarded to your email address.**

## SOME USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

SAMARITANS: 028 25650000 and 08457909090      RELATE ( Marriage counselling ): 08702426091  
CRUISE ( Bereavement support ): 084447794000      COOKSTOWN COMMUNITY CANCER CARE:  
028 867 66111  
AWARE ( Help defeat depression ): 0845 1202961      ACCORD ( Pre-Marriage Courses ): 028 38334781  
PIPS PROJECT ( Suicide awareness ): 07876552046 and 07789797483  
LIFELINE ( For those in despair ): 0808 808 8000      ST VINCENT DE PAUL: 028 867 69400

## NEXT BULLETIN

The next bulletin will be the weekend **6th/7th April 2024**. If there is something you wish to have included in that bulletin please ring 028 867 51857 by **Wednesday 3rd April 2024**. Inclusion of anything offered after that date cannot be guaranteed.

## KILDRESS PARISH BULLETIN



31st March 2024

**EASTER SUNDAY**



**REMEMBER:** CLOCKS GO **FORWARD ONE HOUR** THIS WEEKEND

Dear Parishioner and Gentle Reader,

As Mary made her way to the tomb 'very early on the first day of the week and still dark...', it must have been dark indeed. Apart from the physical darkness that surrounded her, Mary was experiencing the inner darkness of sorrow and the terrible pain of grief. She felt not only the pain of loss for her friend Jesus, but the loss of all the hopes and dreams that he had spoken about. Now it seemed pie in the sky - she had watched him suffer and die the shameful death of a criminal, abandoned and alone. It was indeed very dark. All of us have our moments of darkness - times when we feel our lives are falling apart, moments of disappointment, feelings of depression or bewilderment. Life can bring us into the valley of tears.

The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus is the central mystery of our faith. As St Paul said a long time ago, *"If Jesus is not raised from the dead, then our faith is useless"*. During these Easter days let us ask the Risen Lord to renew our faith and deepen our hope in the central mystery of our faith and, in our prayers, let us:

*look backward – to see Christ dying for us;  
look upward – to see Christ pleading for us;  
look inward – to see Christ living within us;  
look forward – to see Christ coming for us.*

*With all the Blessings of the Risen Lord. Alleluia!    Monsignor Colum*

*May the Resurrection of Jesus Christ inspire your faith and renew your hope giving meaning and comfort to your lives.  
HAPPY EASTER. Fr Paddy*

**PARISH PRIEST CONTACT DETAILS**

**Fr Paddy Hughes,**  
**Parochial House, 10 Cloughfin Rd.,**  
**Killeenan, Cookstown BT80 9JB**  
**Tel: 028 867 51206**  
**Email: kildressparish@outlook.com**

**COLLECTION BANKED FOR LAST WEEKEND**

**£ 1,900**

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR OTHER PRIESTS IN OUR PASTORAL AREA**

Monsignor Curry (Lissan) 028 867 63674 email: columcurry@yahoo.com  
Fr Boyle (Cookstown): 028 867 63370 Fr Slater (Cookstown): 028 867 63490  
Fr Francis Coll (Coagh): 028 867 37212 Fr Moore (Pomeroy) 028 877 57867

**WEEKDAY MASSES 1st - 5th April 2024**

**St Joseph's, Killeenan**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.30 am**

**St. Mary's, Dunamore**

**Tuesday, Thursday: 9.30 am**

*Friday will be the First Friday of the month*

**FIRST SATURDAYS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

A reminder that next **Saturday, 6th April**, is the first Saturday of the month. This devotion can be done on any five successive First Saturdays. Details of the Devotion can be found in the Latest News section of our Parish website.

**TRÓCAIRE DONATIONS**

Please return your Trócaire boxes at Masses next weekend.

**THANK YOU**

*My thanks to all who helped or took part in the Easter Triduum: to all our readers, Eucharistic ministers, our schools and to our sacristans; to our organist, our choir and singers. My thanks to our florists, our church cleaners and all who keep the churches tidy after Masses.*

*Fr Paddy Hughes*

**PRIEST'S VISIT TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Fr Hughes will attend the sick and housebound of the Parish this week on **Tuesday in the Dunamore area and Wednesday in the Killeenan area.**

If you are sick or housebound and not on the list and would like to receive the sacraments please contact Fr Hughes .

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Tuesday 23rd April 2024: Confirmation in St Joseph's Church at 5.00**

**Saturday 4th May 2024:** First Holy Communion for Boys and Girls of P4 in St Joseph's PS in St Joseph's Church at 11.00 am

**Saturday 11th May 2024:** First Holy Communion for the boys and girls of P4 in St Mary's PS in St Mary's Church at 11.00 am

**Sunday 30th June 2024:** The Blessing of the Graves will take place as follows: St Joseph's Killeenan after the 11.30 am Mass; St Mary's Dunamore at 6.30 pm

**RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS AT LOUGH DERG - 27TH APRIL 2024**

**Calling all 18 - 30 year olds!** Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location?

Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg, Pettigo, County Donegal on **Saturday 27th April 2024** from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus, Omagh, and is free of charge.

To Register please visit [tiny.cc/loughderg](http://tiny.cc/loughderg) or email [info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)

**KILDRESS CREDIT UNION LTD**

Please note Kildress Credit Union office will be closed on **Tuesday 2nd April 2024**. Business as usual from Thursday 4th April.

**CALM KIDS YOGA AND MINDFULNESS CLASSES .....**

.....in St Joseph's Hall beginning **Tuesday 9th April**.

Preschool and P1 from 3.00 - 4.00 pm

Primary 1+ up from 4.00 - 5.00 pm.

Contact Elaine on 07598426000 to book a place.

**PARKING AT OUR CHURCHES**

**St Mary' Church:** Please park in an orderly way, in line with the next car. Do not simply abandon your car or block the exits.

**St Joseph's Church** There is ample car parking spaces both at St Joseph's Hall and the lower car park. Please do not park at the front door of the church or up on the footpath.

**OTHER DIOCESAN EVENTS TO CHECK OUT ON OUR WEBSITE**

- \* **Monthly Youth Mass: St Patrick's Church, Dungannon.**
- \* **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2024.**
- \* **Safeguarding Survey for Survivors of Abuse**